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On 3 May 1957, the Bundesrat carried out an initial examination of the bill authorising the ratification of the Treaties establishing the EEC and the EAEC. On the same day, it unanimously adopted a resolution according to which it approved the two Treaties but expressed various criticisms. The ratification bill was debated and unanimously adopted in plenary sitting on 19 July.

On 5 July, the text was tabled before the Bundestag for a vote at second and third reading. On 25 June, the Social Democrats had decided, after lengthy discussions, to vote in favour of the bill, thereby ensuring its adoption by a large majority. The second reading was a mere formality, completed in a matter of minutes. The debate at third reading did not throw up any surprises or new elements. The vote was conducted by show of hands. Only the Free Democrats and the All-German Bloc voted against. MPs were aware that the FRG was gaining access to new markets that were vital for the reconstruction of its economy.

- [Cartoon by HeKo on the EEC and Euratom \(1958\)](#)
- [‘Signing ceremony for European Treaties’ from the Süddeutsche Zeitung \(26 March 1957\)](#)
- [‘The first stage’ from the Handelsblatt \(27 March 1957\)](#)